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Local teacher dodges car in parking lot

FILE 13

A motion was passed by Student Council to have student body president, Mike Hallock, lead the entire student body in the flag salute over the Public Address System.

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English Teachers of the Acalanes High School District have begun a spring English Workshop consisting of fifteen sessions.

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Advanced ticket sales for "Annie, Get Your Gun!" ended February 18, 1964. Regular ticket sales have begun.

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The problem of senior priorities was brought up in Student Council and it was suggested that something be done to restore senior hall to seniors or that the seniors choose a new place for a "fresh start." As the seniors have ignored their privileges of choosing a senior parking lot and have shunned senior mall, the subject was dropped until a greater interest in the problem develops.

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Members of the faculty at Acalanes were given flu shots on February 5, 1964.

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Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mr. Ross Reagan, reported that mechanical facilities at the Acalanes High School swim ming pool, now more than twenty years in use, are failing. "Temporary adjustments should keep the pool operative through the spring. After that time it will be closed to allow replacement of machinery."

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The Medical Club took a field trip to Highland Hospital in Oakland on February 8, 1964.

POLL REVEALS DON'S SAFETY CONCERN

General concern and a serious outlook was expressed by Acalanes students in a recent poll.

The majority of the students polled indicated that the cars in which they ride usually don't have seat belts and when the car is equipped with belts, the student often forgets to fasten the belt unless reminded.

The difficulty of maneuvering one's car through departing buses, pedestrians, and other cars in the parking lot after school presents the greatest single problem.

The passage of a bill to raise the driving age to eighteen years was condemned by the students as they believed that such a law would encourage more illegal driving. Other students believed that the younger driver has a faster reaction rate and better eyesight.

An awareness of the safety problems is the first step toward safer driving habits.

Statesmen Attend Model U. N.

Seven Acalanes Statesmen will represent Acalanes at the Model United Nations in Berkeley at the Univrsity of California today and tomorrow, February 28th and 29th. Deke DeKay, Anne Jeffrey, Henry Je person, Dave Miller, Cheri Quincy, John Quincy and Laura Vacca were chosen as the statesmen to attend the Model United Nations.

Students from schools throughout California will be representing various countries from around the world. Acalanes has been appointed to represent Indonesia.

The topics for discussion are given to the schools before the Model U.N. convenes. The areas for discussion this year are Aden and Southwest Africa, Food Surpluses, the number of countries on the Security Council and Southern Rhodesia. The representatives from each country will meet and then the legislation may begin.

CALENDAR

MARCH

3 Senior Math retest 1st period
5 Student Council 5th Period
6 Senior Extra Big Gym
12 Music Dept. field trip to S.F.
17 Music Assembly
19, 20, 21 Operetta
23-27 Easter vacation

APRIL

2 Student Council 4th period
3 End of 3rd Quarter

McLean Gives Tips On Driving

When one thinks of taking the driving test for his license, he automatically thinks of the hectic hours spent with Mr. McLean, our driver training teacher, learning the fundamentals of good driving. Mr. McLean feels the most important part of learning to drive is to have good attitude. He is more interested in good attitudes than in skill and finds that most boys have the necessary skill but lack good attitude, while the girls are found to have better attitudes toward the problems of driving.

In driver training, the students learn how to park on grades, use gears while on grades, drive both automatic and stick, and various other elements necessary to make a good driver.

Mr. McClean feels we are a "power-steering generation." He believes an 18 year old license law will soon be passed. The teenagers are bringing it on themselves because some of them will not accept the responsibility of driving.

He also believes the greatest problem facing today's drivers is the drinking driver. Everyone who drives while drinking (not necessarily drunk) should be treated as a criminal.

Frosh Present Annual Frolic

February 28 the freshman class will present the annual Frosh Frolic in the old gym from 8:30 to 11:30. The theme is Shamrock and since 1964 is a leap year the girls ask the boys. Tickets are being sold for 75c a piece and $1.50 per couple. Debbie Morrison, social secretary of the freshman class, is already hard at work on decorations. Other committee heads are Diana Pederson, bids; Katie Anderson, publicity; Lucy Cunningham, tickets; Lynn Kellner, refreshments; and Debbie Morrison clean-up. The freshman class is hard at work and are making it "the best Frosh Frolic ever."

FIRE AND POLICE AUTHORITIES DISCUSS SAFETY HAZARDS

A discussion of safety would seem, to most students, not only ridiculous but useless. However, the importance of practicing safety in everyday life cannot be measured. Teenagers are affected more by automobile accidents than any other age group. In 1962, 9,900 persons between 15 and 24 were killed in automobile accidents. As far as general safety is concerned, teens can do as much as or more than other age groups to improve conditions.

An interview with Chief Leigh M. Brilliant of the Walnut Creek Police Department produced some interesting and reassuring comments. He feels that most teenage accidents are due to inexperience and often a lack of responsibility. "Teens," he said "learn to handle a car and then think that they can cope with all situations when they really can't." There is a higher rate of accidents due to carelessness in teen's records than those of adults — a result of growing pains."

Chief Brilliant stated that the biggest safety problem in Walnut Creek is "the circuit." This problem results from teens having nothing to do and loitering around popular hangouts such as Mels. The Chief believes that, because "95% of the kids are good, time and money should be used to help teens stay this way, just as it is important to help those who have gone wrong."

Most important problems arise from a lack of understanding or differences in age.

An equally important kind of safety comes under the jurisdiction of the fire department. The Lafayette Fire Department answers calls for all kinds of first-aid emergencies, for lockouts and loose electrical wires, plus fires in all imaginable places. Its duties and variety of calls may be partially emphasized by the lack of a police department in town. The actual fire-fighting and answering of emergencies are only a part of this department's many duties. The Fire Prevention Bureau investigates the causes and circumstances of fires of a suspiciuious nature. Its purpose is to reduce the factors contributing to the hazards and spreading of fires.

Another of the department's duties, more related to students, is that of public training and education. Every year the Home Economics department at Acalanes is instructed in safety and fire prevention, "a very worthwhile program." Last year two such programs were presented here, "Fire Safety in the Home," and "Safety Measures in Theaters and "Places of Public Assemblage," Most students have also received earlier instruction in the Scouts or the Junior Fire Marshall program given in the elementary schools.

The fire department also conducts an annual inspection of the local schools before they open each fall. It checks the nearby hydrants, alarms and shops. It also oversees the monthly fire drill prescribed by law.

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Next week, March 1-5, has been proclaimed Safety Week. In co-operation with National Safety Council Blueprint has devoted much of this issue to safety features and stories.

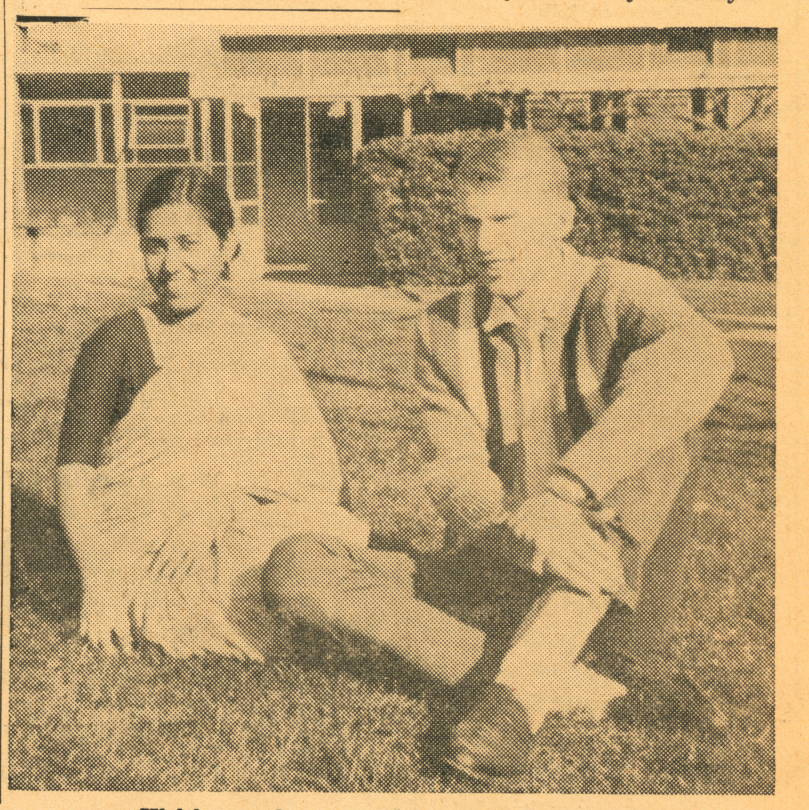
Dons Gain Two Students During Exchange Week

In accordance with the Exchange Week policy sponsored by A.F.S., two foreign students, Rama Rani Missa from India, and Carl Wennerstan from Norway, attended Acalanes for the week of Feb. 10th through the 14th. Carl is now attending St. Helena High School, and Rama will be at Tamalpias High in Mill Valley, since they have concluded their visit at Acalanes. Both hosts, Barbara Dodge and John McMurray are very sorry to see them leave Acalanes.

Rama has been all around San Francisco and Berkeley, as well as up to Squaw Valley where Barbara gave Rama a few pointers on skiing. Rama now insists that skiing is the only sport which she truly enjoys.

Carl Wennerstan came over from Norway on the same ship that Rama took, "The Seven Seas" only he arrived on August 15th.

Carl enjoys jazz music very much, especially pieces done by Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington and Glenn Miller. He declined expressing an opinion of the Beatles, but instead laughed gently. However, Carl offered a warm reply when asked about teenagers in America. "They have less restrictions than in Norway. And they are really friendly."



Visiting exchange students discuss interests

By BOB

With wrestling over and the basketball team in its last stretch Acalanes can be very proud of at least one championship and one other just around the corner.

This year's wrestling team finished first in front of Del Valle and Las Lomas. Fine individual performances were displayed by Steve Scott — 120, Bob Lewis — 127, Rich Fisher — 133, Marc Chaney — 145, Stan Wakeman — 154, Randy Angella — 165, Larry Gomez — 175, Rick Underwood — 191, and Dave Toll Unlimited. Most of these athletes took a place in the league meet held at Del Valle.

At this meet the Dons came in first with Las Lomas and Del Valle holding down second and third places.

More and more spectators have been turning out for the meets which shows the continual growing popularity of this rugged contest. Not only do spectators keep this sport alive, but also they serve as a superficial adrenalin to the individual wrestlers during their matches.

The Don's basketball team is once again on the road to a Foothill League championship. After easily rolling over Del Valle the Dons found a tough opponent in the Alhambra Bulldogs. But the Dons finally put the game on ice with a quick bucket and a free throw in the final seconds.

The big test came to Acalanes when they faced their co-holder of first place, Piedmont. Both teams had an impressive 7-1 record going into the game but the Dons proved to have more finesse and "cool headedness" throughout the entire contest. The final score is known mostly for his defensive was 52-36.

Mr. Barnett's "permanent" four have constantly been turning up spectacular individual team performances. Lee Newell, a rugged Junior guard provided the fans with his exciting jump shots from the 8-12 foot range. Greg Malley, the other junior starter, seems to be in a class of his own with his "stuffs", tip-ins and rebounds. Another player who impresses the other Junior starter, seems to aids Malley on the boards is Don Albright. But the most underrated athlete on the team seems to be Fred Seely. Seely, shows he has the high scoring potential play and quick hands.

DONS RETAIN LEAGUE FIRST PLACE, DEFEAT DEL VALLE, ALHAMBRA, MIRAMONTE

Acalanes High School Varsity Basketball team defeated Del Valle, Alhambra and Miramonte in three consecutive games. Against Del Valle the game seemed no contest. The Dons won 64-46. The starters, Gilmore, Albright, Malley, Seely and Newell were taken out after the first half. By this time Malley had tallied up fourteen points and Newell had added ten to the Acalanes score. Coming in after the half, Jim Medak played outstanding defensive and offensive ball to account for an additional ten points.

Starting with Medak in place of Gilmore, the Acalanes team beat Alhambra 55-52. At the end of the first quarter Acalanes had a good lead that continued to the half. The Acalanes lead quickly shortened in the third quarter and diminished even faster in the fourth. The Alhambra star, MacNamara, who scored sixteen points in the first half was held to zero points in the second half by good defensive work by Newell.

The Acalanes - Miramonte game turned into a 54-44 victory for Acalanes. Starting with Seely, Malley, Newell, Medak and Alexander the Acalanes team started the game well and at the half were leading 22-19. In the third quarter the lead was lengthened by about seven points. Highlighting the game was very good defensive play by Seely who accounted for seven steals. Greg Malley by leading a fast break that ended in a two handed stuff brought a good game to a good ending.

With Acalanes victory over Piedmont the next step, after playing San Ramon and Las Lomas might very well be the Tournament of Champions playoff against Hayward. If we realize a victory here then we go into the tournament of Champions to try the Acalanes skill. If Acalanes loses this tournament then we may go to the Camelia Tournament of Champions in Sacramento to try our skill.

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Fire Chief Robert A. Winkel said that local teens are very "co-operative" with the department. They present little problem to the town as far as the department is concerned. He believes that the best thing any teen can do to aid in fire prevention is to have a family discussion on the subject. The fire department's phone number should be handy and everyone should **know** the evacuation procedure so as to prevent deaths by burning as too often happens.

Rich and Lee Block "A" Athletes

Rich Fisher, a wrestler and Lee Newell, a member of the basketball team, have been chosen as Block A athletes for the period between Feb. 13th and Feb. 18th.

Rich Fisher was chosen for his outstanding performance during the League Wrestling Tournament where he scored a total of 13 points for his four matches, and averaged about 4 points a match. He won by a combination of holds in all his matches. Rich believes wrestling to be one of the most exciting and one of the cleanest sports there is. This is one contributing factor for his returning to wrestle for four years. Even though Rich is familiar with all the different holds, he prefers to use the fireman's carriage, the sit-out, and the switch most frequently. However, Rich's "pet hold" is the cradle. During the interview Rich said that wrestling was not depending so much on strength, but that speed and skill were really more important.

Lee Newell was picked Block A Athlete of the Week for his fine work during the basketball game against Miramonte where Lee scored 14 points. Usuelly Lee averages about 13 points. Lee agrees with Rich that speed and skill are just as important in basketball as in wrestling. But above all else, Lee stressed the fact that "you've got to look for the opportunities to make shots, and when they come, be sure to take advantage of them." Lee also wished to express his gratitude to the student body and cheer leaders for their support during the basketball season. "It really makes a difference when there is a crowd watching you."

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